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PROJECT V-2.1 PROTECTION OF NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS

REQUEST AMEMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM DR. R. SKOOG, INTERIOR, TO DR. V. DENISOV, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WITH COPY TO DR. YU. KAZAKOV, HYDROMET

1. DEAR DR. DENISOV:

BASED UPON OUR RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, I UNDERSTAND NOW THAT ZABRODIN'S DELEGATION (A-4 REINDEER) CAN VISIT THE USA ONLY FOR SIXTEEN DAYS INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUSLY PLANNED TWENTY-TWO DAY VISIT. DR. KLEIN HAS REARRANGED HIS PLANS TO ACCOMODATE THIS CHANGE. WE ARE EXPECTING ZABRODIN'S GROUP TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ON FRIDAY 15 AUGUST 1975. THEY WILL PROCEED THE NEXT DAY TO ANCHORAGE, ALASKA. DR. KLEIN'S NEW ALASKA ITINERARY REMAINS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS THAT SENT TO YOU EARLIER EXCEPT FOR CHANGES IN TOTAL

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TIME. THE DELEGATION WILL LEAVE ALASKA IN TIME TO CATCH

AEROFLOT FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK CITY ON SUNDAY 31 AUGUST 1975.
BECAUSE OF CHANGE IN DATES THERE IS NOT ENOUGH TIME NOW FOR
ZABRODIN'S GROUP TO VISIT IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK.

2. DR. WEST'S FIVE-MAN DELEGATION (A-1 TAIGA/TUNDRA
ECOSYSTEMS) HAS CONFIRMED PLANS TO VISIT MAGADAN DURING
29 AUGUST - 13 SEPTEMBER 1975. THEY PLAN TO ARRIVE IN
KHABAROVSK ON FRIDAY 29 AUGUST 1975 ON AEROFLOT FLIGHT
NUMBER 696 FROM JAPAN. DELEGATION WILL LEAVE FROM MOSCOW
ON SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 1975. WE NEED TO OBTAIN CLEAR-
ANCE FOR VISA ISSUANCE. DELEGATION LEAVES FROM ANCHORAGE,
ALASKA ON TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 1975; IN ORDER TO SEND VISAS
TO ALASKA WE MUST HAVE THEM ISSUED TO US NOT LATER THAN
FRIDAY 22 AUGUST 1975. APPLICATIONS WERE SUBMITTED TO
SOVIET EMBASSY ON 7 AUGUST 1975.

3. WE HAVE AGREED NOW THAT OUR WORKGROUP MEETING WILL
TAKE PLACE DURING 26 SEPTEMBER - 5 OCTOBER 1975. MY
DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF NOT MORE THAN SIX PEOPLE, BUT
TWO NAMES ARE NOT CONFIRMED YET. I WILL ADVISE YOU OF THE
COMPLETE DELEGATION SOON. IN ADDITION, DR. JORGENSEN
WOULD LIKE TO BRING HIS WIFE FOR THIS TRIP.

4. I AM STILL WAITING FOR AN ANSWER ON WHETHER OR NOT
THERE WILL BE A SOVIET DELEGATION VISITING THE USA UNDER
ACTIVITY B-3 (RECLAMATION AND REVEGETATION OF LAND
DISTURBED BY STRIP AND PLACER MINING). WE NEED TO KNOW
SOON IN ORDER TO ARRANGE FOR THE VISIT IF YOU INTEND TO
SEND A DELEGATION. BECAUSE OF THE LATENESS IN THE YEAR
NOW, THE VISIT COULD NOT TAKE PLACE TILL LATE OCTOBER
OR LATER.

5. WE HAVE HAD PROBLEMS THIS YEAR IN GETTING THE INFORMA-
TION I NEED TO ARRANGE FOR THE VARIOUS TRIPS, BOTH TO THE
USA AND TO THE USSR. SOMEHOW I HOPE YOU CAN FACILITATE
THE CLEARANCES NEEDED HERE BY THE SOVIET EMBASSY TO ISSUE
THE NECESSARY VISAS. PLEASE ADVISE ME AS SOON AS YOU CAN
REGARDING THE VARIOUS STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS POSED IN
THIS MESSAGE. BEST REGARDS, SKOOG KISSINGER

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